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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN POSITION ON GUINEA-BISSAU

1. DURING APRIL 24 CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL (EA), AUSTRALIA'S SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ALAN RENOUF, INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT AT FORTHCOMING WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AUSTRALIA WOULD "PUT UP ITS HAND" AND VOTE FOR ADMISSION OF GUINEA-BISSAU. RENOUF DESCRIBED AUSTRALIAN PM WHITLAM AS HAVING SAID THAT AUSTRALIA VOTED THE WRONG WAY THE LAST TIME ON GUINEA-BISSAU ISSUE. RENOUF DESCRIBED PLANNED ACTION AS CONSTITUTING "DEFACTO RECOGNITION". HE STATED THAT GOA REPRESENTATIVE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS VOTE, BUT WOULD ONLY PUT UP HIS HAND.

2. IN HIS PERSONAL COMMENT ON THIS DECISION, RENOUF FREELY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE CONSIDERED THIS ACTION A DANGEROUS
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PRECEDENT AND THAT IT WOULD BE HARD TO DRAW THE LINE IN

THE FUTURE BETWEEN ESTABLISHED REGIMES AND INSURRECTIONARY
MOVEMENTS. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE FELT THAT THERE
WOULD BE NO IMMEDIATE IMPLICATION FOR AUSTRALIAN POLICY
TOWARD EITHER THE PRG OR THE KHMER INSURGENTS. KISSINGER

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